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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Dictatorship

MR John Rankin has told the House of Commons that Britain is maintaining a "dictatorship" in Hongkong. Where did he get this absurd notion? It is no use saying that he has been told this by a politically ambitious but frustrated minority group in Hongkong, because although he probably has, many people who ought to know better still peddle that silly wisecrack that we have here a "benevolent dictatorship".

It is a smart way of describing the colonial government system which incidentally few in Hongkong want changed. Do we need proof of this? When a delegation recently went to London to petition the British Government to retain Sir Alexander Grantham as Governor for another term, they took with them a volume containing the signatures of half this Colony's population.

AND what happens at election time in Hongkong—of the 19,000 entitled to vote, 6,000 bother to turn out—and more than two-thirds of the number just couldn't care less. This touches on another point which Mr John Rankin raised in the House yesterday. He asked when the Hongkong Government proposed to extend the franchise. The point is: has Hongkong demonstrated that it wants any extension? The answer can only be "no".

But why does this Colony's government continue to be described—facetiously or cynically—as a "benevolent dictatorship"? True, we have an appointed Governor responsible for the administration of this Colony. True, he knows Hongkong well, its people thoroughly, how to deal with people in all walks of life. He has done it so well that the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, has named him as one of the best administrators in the Far East. But does this make him even "benevolently" dictatorial?

HONGKONG has an executive council, a legislative council and an Urban Council to which eight members are elected. It has the best judicial system in the world. What ground then is there for the word even as a facetious euphemism?

What does "dictator" mean? It means an absolute ruler. The Oxford Dictionary goes on to say "usually temporary or irregular, of a State, especially one who suppresses or succeeds a republican government; person with absolute authority in any sphere". And among the meanings of "absolute" in the sense in which it is generally associated with dictatorships are "unrestricted" and "ruling arbitrarily".

THAT is not what Hongkong people mean when they talk of a "benevolent dictatorship", but it is obviously the impression that ignorant people abroad will get from Mr John Rankin's cheap and completely unjustified sneer.

One more point—even at the risk of being accused of being humourous—the term "benevolent dictatorship" contains a clear contradiction which is probably the reason why it has become such a silly aside. A joke is a joke, but when some ignorant MP begins to babble it about as a serious statement of fact, then it's time we stopped being smart—or coined a more factual description of a system of Government that probably less than one per cent of the population want changed.

HK COTTON INDUSTRY ATTACKED

MP's Demand For Minimum Colony Wage REFUSED BY MINISTER

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, June 27. THE Government has refused to enforce minimum wage rates for Hongkong to block the flow of cheap cotton goods into British markets. Mr J. D. Profumo, Civil Under-Secretary, told the House of Commons today it would be improper to do this "simply to protect a United Kingdom industry."

Nato Immune To Surprise Attack

Rome, June 27. Supreme Allied Commander General Lauris Norstad declared today that it is now "operationally impossible" for the Soviet Union to knock out Western Europe's airpower in a single surprise attack. He said that immunity from surprise assault came as a result of an intensive programme to build and disperse Nato airbases and a tightening of the alliance's early warning radar net.

Norstad spoke at the closing session of the Atlantic Treaty Association's annual meeting here. He said his Command has upped the number of bases available to it from 29 to 104 in six years. He said the Alliance now has a 24-hour a day co-ordinated radar net in operation. "It is now operationally impossible to knock out our airbases in a single surprise attack," Norstad said.—United Press.

CANTON TO BE ART CENTRE

Paris, June 27. The Chinese Government is preparing to build up Canton into an art centre, the Governor of Kwangtung Province declared at a writers and artists forum in the South China city today, the New China News Agency reported.

A school of fine arts and a conservatory of music would be established in Canton this year, Governor Tao Chiu said. A drama school was expected to be established during the second five-year plan period. The new Canton film studio would be completed during the 1958-62 period, he said. Other projects to be built in the same period would include additional theatres for modern drama, folk art and acrobatics, a music hall, an art studio and a children's theatre.—France-Press.

In Saturday's China Mail

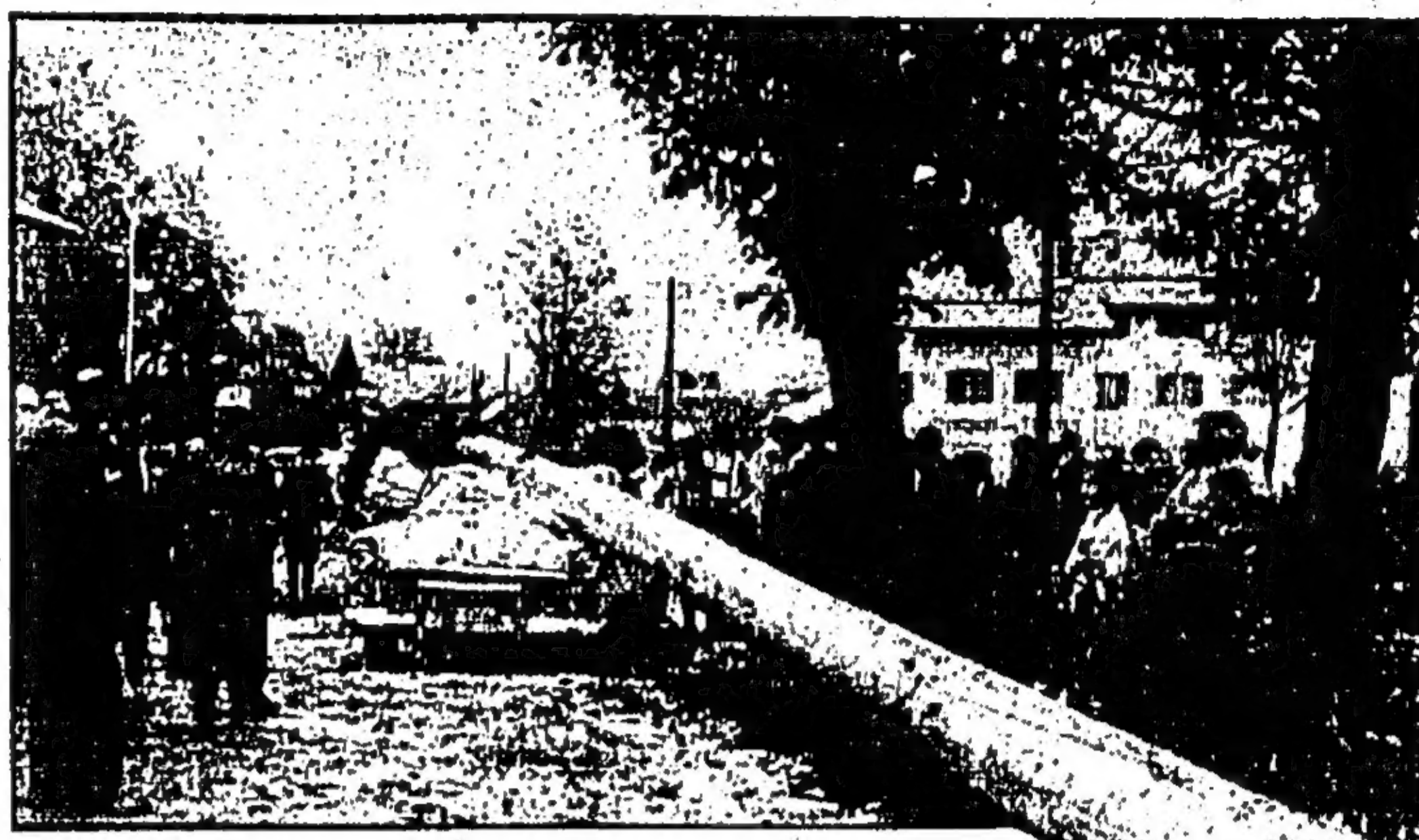
Tomorrow the China Mail introduces a series of articles by Anne Edwards dealing with the Duke of Edinburgh and his son which will be of profound importance to every reader in the future of the Royal Family. Read Philip—the 14-year-old Duke in Saturday's Mail.

AND:

- ★ Making Money by Alexander Thomson.
- ★ How to Save Britain by Robert Edwards.
- ★ Show Business by Thomas Wiseman and Rodrick Mann.
- ★ Record Round by Ramsden Greig.

The Mystery Club, Cummings, Giles, Low, Fildes, their interesting features will all be in tomorrow's China Mail.

DRIVER HAS NARROW ESCAPE



The driver of this American car was fascinated by this 49-foot Maytree approaching him during stormy weather at Reichenbach in Bavaria. He gathered his wits and jumped out a few seconds before the tree struck.—Keystone Photo.

PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT SMOKING HABIT

London, June 27.

THE Government announced plans tonight for starting a nation-wide propaganda to inform the public of the dangers of smoking.

This action followed publication today of a top-level report linking excessive cigarette smoking to cancer of the lung.

The report, by the Medical Research Council, the Government's advisory body on health, declared that cigarette smoking was the principal factor in the large increase in the incidence of lung cancer in Britain over the 10 years.

Mr John Vaughan Morgan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, told the House of Commons: "Once the risks are known everyone who smokes will have to measure them and make up his or her mind, and must be relied upon as a responsible person to act for the rest."

"The Government feel that it is right to ensure that the latest authoritative opinion is brought effectively to public notice, so that everyone may know the risks involved in smoking," he said.

Local Authorities

The Government now proposed to bring the report to the attention of local health authorities and to those responsible for health education.

The report noted that the increase in lung cancer was out of all proportion to other forms of cancer and had occurred not only in old age.

Among males it accounted for one in 18 deaths at all ages; in females it was one in 103 deaths. Highest mortality rate from lung cancer in investigations carried out in Britain and the United States was in cigarette smokers, second highest in pipe smokers, lowest in non-smokers.

The report offered some hope to smokers in their early forties. By giving it up now they might possibly reduce their chance of developing cancer by half.

The British Treasury draws an annual revenue of £700 million from tobacco duty—about £800 million of it from cigarette smokers.

Revenue Rumour

There have been suggestions from political sources that if the Medical Research Council report causes a serious drop in tobacco revenue, a tax might be imposed on sweets to make up the loss.

One tobacco manufacturer tonight declared that in the industry's opinion there was "no proof from any scientific source that smoking is a cause of lung cancer."

A statement by the manufacturer's standing committee said: "Statistical evidence certainly does not prove a causal connection."

The Medical Research Council's statement did not contain any important new scientific evidence and said one proportion of smokers who contracted

BEATING SINGAPORE STRIKERS

Singapore, June 27. Shipowners today used hundreds of lighters in an attempt to beat a "go slow" strike on the Singapore waterfront.

Lightermen and dockers belonging to four unions are refusing to join the "go slow" called by the Singapore Harbour Board Staff Association, claiming 7,000 members. Several ships due to have left Singapore today with export cargo for Britain and Southeast Asia have been delayed.

The Coria with 900 tons of cargo from Britain was today moved to the outer roads to complete unloading before sailing for Hongkong.—Reuter.

BIG US TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM JAPAN

Washington, June 27.

Secretary of Defence Charles E. Wilson said today the United States would withdraw 25,000 to 30,000 troops from Japan by Christmas.

Wilson emphasized that the move to withdraw United States ground forces from Japan "was not a sudden decision" but part of a long range programme to cut US troop strength there while the Japanese built up their own forces.

Announcement of the withdrawal was made in a joint communiqué issued last week at the conclusion of talks between Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi and President Eisenhower.

Wilson declined to say if air force units would be withdrawn from Japan soon.

TREATY PROVISIONS

"He acknowledged, however, that the Japanese peace treaty provided for the eventual withdrawal of all US forces. Wilson said that some stationed in Japan would be sent home and that others would be deployed in the Far East area.

The Secretary said that the decision was made some time ago to supply American forces in Korea with modern arms. He said he hoped that eventually it would be possible to equip all US forces with the same kinds of weapons but that it took time to do so.—United Press.

100 Flu Cases On Trooper

London, June 27. About 100 cases of "Asian flu" occurred during the troopship Empire Bowery's trip from Hongkong to Colombo. It was stated last night when the ship docked at Southampton.—Reuter.

ROBERTSON SEES TURN OF TIDE

London, June 28.

British Railways lost £57 million last year, according to an announcement by the Commission chairman, Sir Brian Robertson, published here today.

But Sir Brian told a press conference that he hoped to be able to look back on 1959 as the turning of the tide.

The Commission was near agreement with unions on a plan for dealing with redundancy which resulted from railway modernisation.

The record growth of passenger traffic seen in 1956 had continued this year—reflection of the benefits of modernisation—and freight traffic was being organised in a promising manner.

Main causes of the deficit were capital investment and a price freeze to offset inflation in the country's economy. British Railways' total accumulated debt now stands at £127 million.—Reuter.

Flight To Freedom

Vienna, June 27.

Two Czech reserve officers flew an old single-engine sports plane to Austria today in a flight to freedom.

The two men "hedge-hopped" the 200 miles from Prague to Tulln airbase near here and asked for political asylum.

First-Lieutenant Jaroslav Kostelnik, 23, the pilot, and 30-year-old Lieutenant Bruno Weber, co-pilot, told Austrian officials they sought the ground over Czech territory "to give the impression we were on a training flight."—United Press.

Hurricane Havoc

New York June 27.

A 103-mph hurricane tore into Texas and Louisiana today, putting 75,000 persons to flight, killing 10, injuring at least 100 and causing damage that will total millions of dollars.

Hurricane Audrey sank boats, drove a 400-foot tanker aground, washed buildings into the raging ocean and isolated towns and resort islands.

Many towns and cities, including Fort Arthur, Beaumont and Orange, Texas, and Houston, Texas, the biggest city in the South, were hit either by the hurricane or the gales on its fringe.

But Lake Charles, 30 miles inland and about 30 miles east of the Texas border, apparently suffered the worst. The Civil Defense Office estimated property damage at least \$50,000,000.—United Press.

HK FILM APPLAUDED



MISS LIN DAI
Fine Acting

Berlin, June 27. Cathay Film Production Limited, of Hongkong, today presented "The Valley of Lost Souls" at the international film festival.

The black-and-white film won the applause of the public for its fine acting, especially of Miss Lin Dai in the leading part. The story concerns a young country Casanova who leaves broken hearts all around him. Yien Chuen plays the lead as well as directing.

It was the European premiere of the film and the first ever Hongkong contribution to the Berlin Film Festival.—Reuter.



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Queen Juliana Gets Catch



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands receives a small catch containing fish from the first catch of Dutch new herring—at the Palace of Soesdijk—to mark the opening of the new herring season.—Express Photo.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR UN TO RECONVENE

United Nations, June 27.
The United States today formally requested that the United Nations General Assembly be reconvened on the Hungarian question "as soon as possible" or "as soon as practicable".

Both phrases were contained in a letter from the US delegate, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, to Prince Wan Waihyukun of Thailand, President of the 11th General Assembly which went into recess last March without formal adjournments.

Although diplomatic discussions on the timing of a resumed session on Hungary continued, there appeared little likelihood that the Assembly would be reconvened before September, immediately prior to the start of the 12th annual session, scheduled for September 17.

Under the recess resolution, Prince Wan, in consultation with the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, and the 16 other members of the Assembly's Steering Committee, may call the 81-nation Parliament back into session "as necessary" to resume debate on the Hungarian or Suez issues.

Mr. Hammarskjöld leaves tomorrow for Europe. He plans a three-day holiday in his native Sweden, whence he will travel after arriving on Saturday at Copenhagen. He will go to Geneva on July 3 for the summer session of the Economic and Social Council and plans to spend two weeks there.

Deliberations on the date for reconvening the Assembly will be conducted through diplomatic channels.—United Press.

Addressing a crowd of 1,000 Pakistani students for 30 minutes, Mr. Suhrawardy appealed to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, not to "allow the fair name of India to be tarnished by ignoring international opinion on the Kashmir issue."

He said: "The Kashmir issue is not merely a question of a piece of territory being usurped by a country that has no right to it but it is a question of fundamental rights, namely, that a country which cannot float world opinion by virtue of its might and by perpetrating injustice."

The Kashmir issue, Mr. Suhrawardy said, has committed both Pakistan and India to holding a free and fair plebiscite.

Mr. Suhrawardy said: "We want to live on the friendliest terms with our neighbour India. That is all the more reason that Mr. Nehru should help to create an atmosphere of international justice and peace by accepting the right of the people of Kashmir to decide their future according to their own wishes."—United Press.

Warning Of Re Infiltration A Worst Dange

By HAROLD GUARD

London, June 27.
The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, emerged as the champion of a ted stand against Communist expansion during the third and fourth plenary sessions of the Commonwealth conference here today.

Conference sources said the meeting continued its "general discussion of the international situation" with particular reference to the Middle East at today's sessions.

They said it was a continuation of yesterday's opening sessions, when Mr. Menzies initiated a move for the conference to state its views in explicit terms.

Support

The Menzies' move, the sources said, has had the voiced support of Mr. John Diefenbaker of Canada, Mr. Hussein Suhrawardy of Pakistan, Mr. Eric Louw of South Africa, Mr. Tom Macdonald of New Zealand and, contrary to expectations, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana.

All these speakers at the conference warned that Communist infiltration in Africa and the Middle East was the greatest danger to the free world today.

The Law Minister of Ceylon, Mr. M. W. H. de Silva, joined with Mr. Nehru in deploring the production and tests of nuclear weapons. The British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, told the conference that the only reason for British producing and testing nuclear weapons was to ensure that they would never have to be used.

Mr. Suhrawardy agreed with the Indo-Ceylonese line that relations with the Soviets could be improved through economic means but he stood unequivocally on the need for military preparedness as a defence against Communism.

Review

Conference sources said the review of the international situation would continue at the fifth plenary session tomorrow, when the emphasis would be on Southeast Asia and the Far East.—United Press.

EX-JAGAN MAN TO STAND

Georgetown, June 27.
Mr. Sydney King, Minister of Communications and Works in the deposed Jagan Government, said there today that he will contest British Guiana's next general elections as an independent.

The ex-minister, who resigned recently from the executive of Dr. Cheddi Jagan's People's Progressive Party, said: "My outlook makes it impossible for me to submit myself to the rigid decisions of any political party."

The PPP, led by Dr. Jagan, came to power in elections in 1953, but was dismissed later the same year because the British Government alleged it was attempting to establish Communism in the colony.—China Mail Special.

Czech Pilots Seekylum In Austria

Two Czech pilots alighted today at a small Austrian airport, asking for asylum after landing their single-engine training plane at Lubenec, some 200 miles from Prague.

The two men, Jaroslav Kocel and Jaroslav Weber, said they had fled from the Czechoslovak army in the spring of 1955, when they were ordered to go to the Western front.

Their aircraft, a Czech-made biplane, was shot down by a Soviet Air Force school.—France Press.

IMPRESARIO GETS SOVIET STARS PR. U.S.

Moscow, June 27.
American impresario Sol Hurok announced today he has concluded a contract with the Soviet Ministry of Culture which will send at least two top Metropolitan Opera singers to Russia and an array of Soviet musical stars to the United States.

The contract provides for an American tour next January by the famed Soviet pianist Emil Gilels and violinist Leonid Kogan, while Metropolitan stars Blanche Tebom and Leonard Warren are scheduled to appear in Russia between next November and the following January.

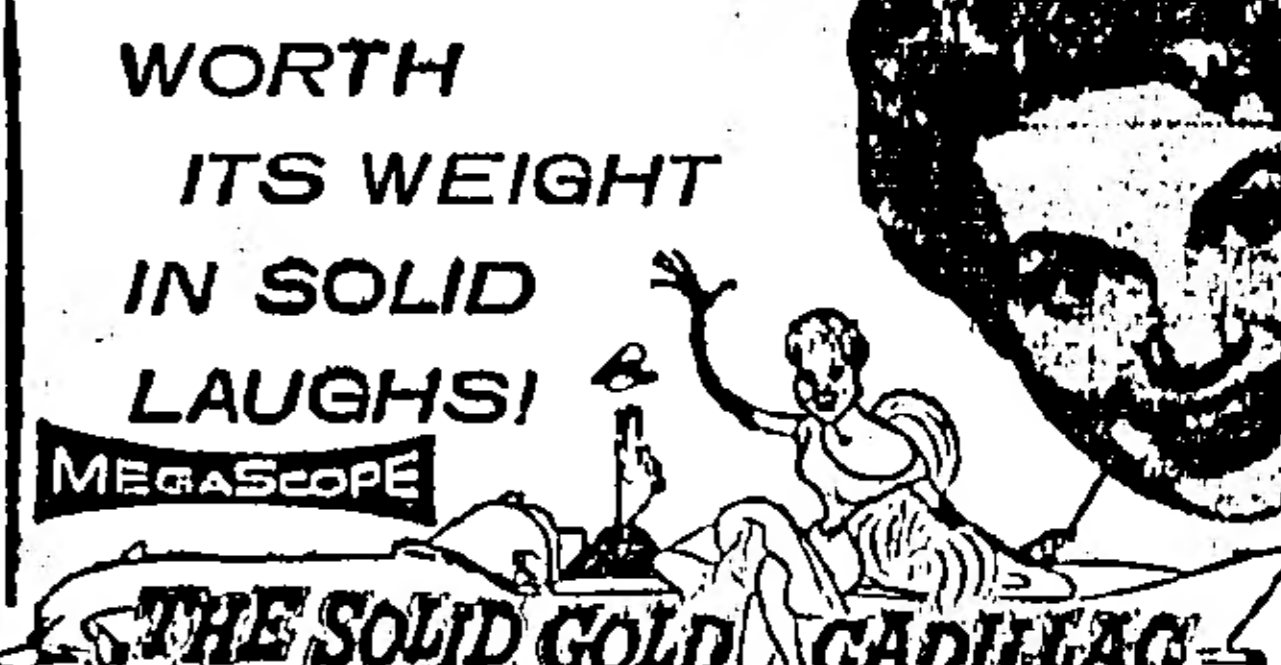
The Russians have agreed to pay dollar fees and rouble expenses while the American stars are here.



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Foreign Affairs Committee Votes For Cancellation

Washington, June 27. The House Foreign Affairs Committee voted today to direct President Eisenhower to cancel the United States agreements giving its allies criminal jurisdiction over American servicemen within their borders.

The action came after a day-long secret session of the Committee where Republican members tried unsuccessfully to weaken the proposal.

BANNING OF TESTS A NUISANCE

—Charles Wilson

Washington, June 27. Mr. Charles E. Wilson, United States Secretary for Defence, said today that the banning of tests of new atomic weapons would be a "nuisance, but it would not stop the business."

Mr. Wilson made the comment in answer to a question at a press conference.

He also said that the effect of a suspension on the United States weapons programme would be to "slow it down," adding that was not one of his problems. He said it was in the hands of President Eisenhower and Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State.

Mr. Wilson said the objective of disarmament should be a reduction in armaments "rather than some of these other technical approaches to it."

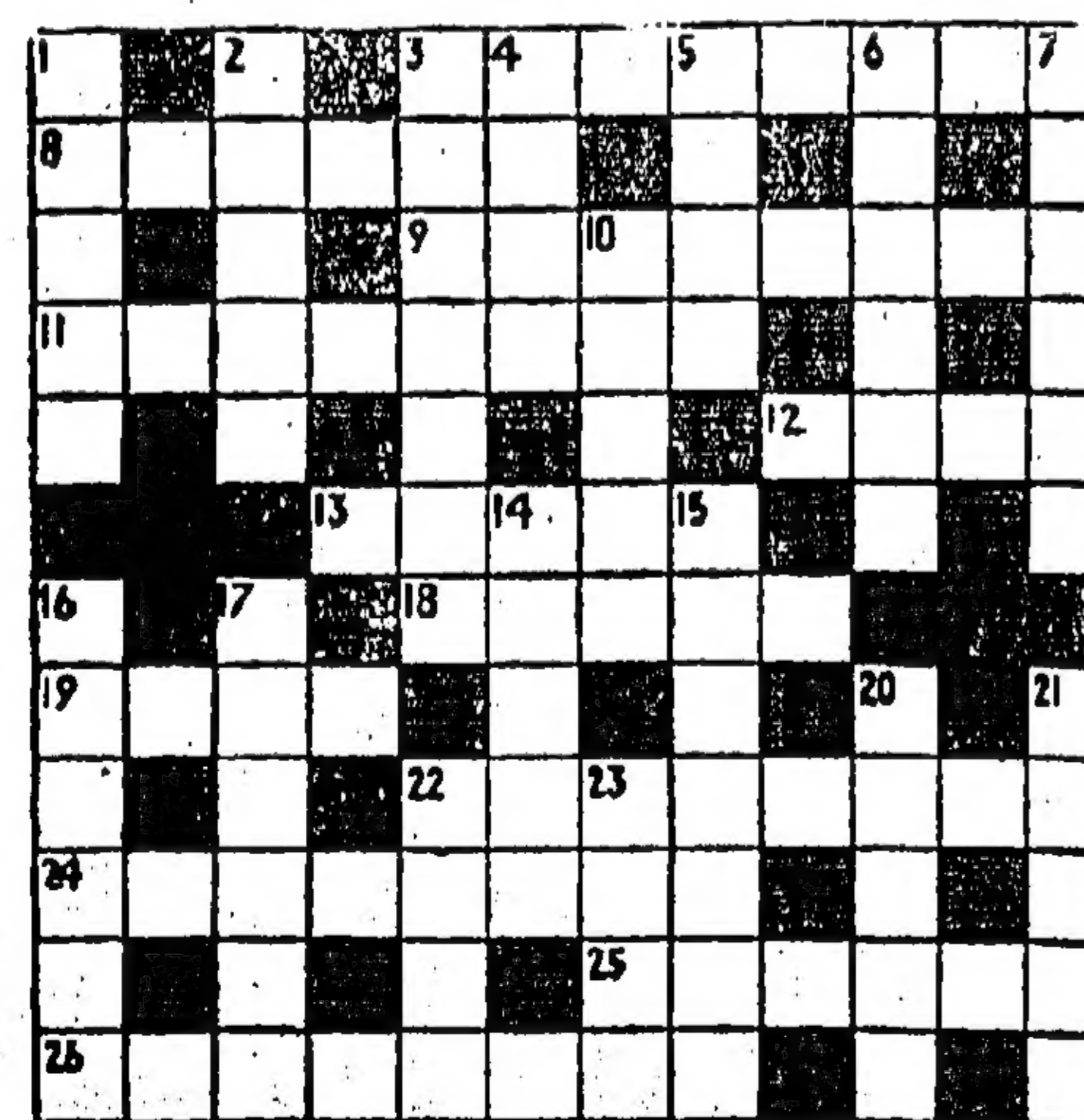
"The banning of tests of new atomic weapons will just be sort of a nuisance, but it would not stop the business," he said.—Reuter.

RATIONING OFF BUT PRICE UP

Paris, June 27. Petrol rationing will be lifted in France tomorrow and at the same time the price will be increased to the equivalent of about \$1 a gallon, it was announced tonight.

The Secretary of State for Power, Edouard Ramonet, made the announcement. Petrol rationing was imposed last November after the Suez crisis. The French Parliament has approved the elimination of rationing and the price boost as part of the government's financial programme.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Unique (6).
 - 8 Made reputation (6).
 - 9 Took ill (8).
 - 11 Tear (8).
 - 12 Repeat (4).
 - 13 Granted (6).
 - 18 Drugs (5).
 - 19 Ill-favoured (4).
 - 22 Melt (8).
 - 24 The atom strikes a quiet note (6).
 - 25 Speaker (8).
 - 26 Western county (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 Recover (5).
 - 2 Compel (5).
 - 3 Closely packed (7).
 - 4 Notion (4).
 - 5 Merriment (4).
 - 6 Mess (6).
 - 7 Conundrum (6).
 - 10 Propitious (5).
 - 14 Style of architecture (5).
 - 15 Full course (7).
 - 16 Disturbance (6).
 - 17 Notice of danger (6).
 - 20 Musical instrument (6).
 - 21 Jovial (6).
 - 22 Fashion expert (4).
 - 23 Not, by the sound of it, the right thing for a quick gin (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 P-recepts, 7 C-love, 8 Armourer, 10 En-uro, 13 Settled, 15 Test, 17 Ferrets, 18 Seede, 20 Air, 21 R-over-se, 22 Riddle, 24 Accounts, 26 The-me, 29 Enlarges, Down: 1 Aches, 2 Boar, 3 C-eal, 4 Crap, 5 Per-uo, 6 Struts, 8 Rocker, 11 Nowat, 13 Utter, 14 Desert, 15 Trice, 16 Slead, 18 Savage, 19 Canal, 22 (Di)Vesta, 23 Rider, 24 Sower, 26 Duz.

Ambo Was Playing When...



Bremen had to be called to the assistance of Rudi, a young elephant at Vap's Schoenbrunn Zoo, when he tumbled into the safety gap around the picture shows Rudi being rescued with the aid of chains. Rudi had playing with an elephant companion when he received a heavier push than usual, landed at the bottom of the gap. — Express Photo.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR CENTRE

United States Invites 16 Asian Nations

Washington, June 27. The United States today invited 16 Asian nations to a meeting here on July 8 to plan for the establishment of an Asiatic regional nuclear centre in Manila.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS GOLED

Prague, June 27. Eight Czechoslovak Catholics were today sentenced to terms of up to four and a half years for subversive activities against the State.

The 16 members of the Society of Saint Francis De Sales, who consisted of a series of state activities including collection of state control of churches and religious activities, were being sentenced here today in a trial which began last year.

EMIZEMENT

A former Ostrova priest, Vojtech Fek, who was admitted to the priesthood in 1921, was today sentenced to four and a half years' imprisonment.

The sentence was given after a trial which began last year.

Evacuation Of French From Tunis

Tunis, June 27. Tunisian leader Habib Bourguiba, affirmed today that Tunisians reached an agreement with France on the evacuation of French troops from Tunisia.

The French in his weekly broadcast, said that under the agreement, French troops would withdraw gradually from Tunisia except those at El Aouina, Wad-el-Khazn, and Remada.

The big French military base at Bizerte was not discussed during the negotiations.

Spending of public negotia-tions between Tunisia and France on joint defence and military alliance, Bourguiba said, that until French troops had been evacuated from all Tunisia (except Bizerte).

He said, however, that the agreement would improve the climate of Franco-Tunisian relations.—Reuter.

The centre was first proposed in October 1955 by Mr. John Hollister, Director of the US International Co-operation Administration (ICA).

It would help train instructors and teachers in nuclear sciences for universities and technical schools throughout Asia.

ATOMS FOR PEACE

The centre would fall under President Eisenhower's atoms for peace programme.

The United States is prepared to provide \$20,000,000 toward construction of the centre, provided that "mutually satisfactory arrangements" can be found with other nations, a State Department announcement said.

The money for the centre would come from the \$100,000,000 Asian economic development fund which congress approved for the fiscal year 1960.

The Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, Mr. Walter Robertson, first announced the US offer at a meeting of the Colombo powers in Wellington, New Zealand, in December 1956.

BROOKHAVEN REPORT

The three-day meeting next month will consider a report worked out by the Brookhaven National Laboratory suggesting where the regional centre should be located.

The Brookhaven report said the Color by Powers probably would not initially have available the necessary scientific and administrative personnel and therefore "special attention" would have to be given to meeting top-level staff requirements, the State Department announcement said.

Invited to the meeting were: Australia, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.—United Press.

ACQUITTED BRITONS TO LEAVE

Cairo, June 27. Mr. Stanley Pittuck, one of the Britons acquitted in the Cairo spy trial last Saturday, "will leave Egypt within 48 hours," a spokesman of the Ministry of Interior said today.

Mr. Pittuck, 45, of the Marconi Radio Telegraph Company of Egypt, was acquitted on Saturday with John Thornton Stanley, 40, of the Prudential Assurance Company.

Mr. Stanley is also expected to leave Egypt in the immediate future.

Colonel Cyril Banks, a British Member of Parliament, saw the two Britons in prison yesterday. He found them well and told reporters there was no cause for concern about their departure.—Reuter.

MILLIONS OF DEAD FISH IN ARABIAN SEA

Rome, June 27. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization announced here tonight that many millions tons of dead fish, perhaps equal to the entire world's catch in a year, are floating in the Arabian sea, according to a report from a Russian ship.

The organization said the report had been relayed from Moscow by Professor P. Molisev of the Soviet State Institute of Oceanology and Marine Fisheries.

The report claimed that over an area of 77,000 square miles west of the Laccadive Islands, off the west coast of southern India, there was about ten dead fish to the square yard.

The name of the Russian ship from which the report was received was not given.

Mr. Taiyo Laevastu, a Food and Agriculture Organization oceanographer, said mass death of fish occurs from time to time in many parts of the world.

"The present catastrophe may have been caused by a layer of water known as the tropical subsurface oxygen minimum," he added.—China Mail Special.

Successful Flight For New Plane

Buffalo, June 27. Bell Aircraft Corporation's X-14, now jet-powered VTOL (Vertical Take-off and Landing) airplane, has successfully completed initial flight testing, the Air Force said today.

The X-14, powered by two jet engines, is designed to take off vertically in a conventional horizontal position, shift to forward flight and land vertically, eliminating the need for a runway.

The X-14 differs from the so-called "tail-sitter" VTOL airplanes because it can operate without the help of ground handling equipment to position it for take-off.—United Press.

New York, June 27. US Steel Corporation announced today that it had increased its price of steel, which could affect the price of hundreds of consumer items ranging from cars to hairpins.—United Press.

SOVIET NOTE TO BONN Atomic Rearmament And Reunification Irreconcilable

Moscow, June 27. Russia told West Germany today that claims for atomic rearmament of her forces and for reunification of divided Germany were irreconcilable, according to brief extracts from a new Soviet note available to diplomatic sources here.

The note was handed by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, to the German Ambassador, Dr. Wilhelm Kasas. Russia also charged the West German Government with imposing political conditions for a disarmament agreement, the sources said.

DEMANDS

The note was a reply to a West German note of May 23 rejecting Soviet demands that she renounce atomic weapons for her forces and refuse to allow atomic weapons to be stationed on her territory.

West Germany also called on Russia to help prevent an arms race by co-operating with the Western powers at the current disarmament negotiations in London.

The Soviet reply repeated the warning in Russia's original note of April 27, that West Germany would become a "graveyard" in an atomic war.

GRAVE DIGGERS

In an eight-page outline of the Soviet viewpoint on atomic weapons bases, it said those who favoured German atomic rearmament would be regarded by history as the grave diggers of German reunification.

To claim West German atomic rearmament was irreconcilable with reunification, it said, and reminded West Germany that Russia was one of the four powers which pending a final peace treaty had a special responsibility for seeing Germany did not become a threat to world peace.—Reuter.

INDIANS PROTEST BATON CHARGE

Johannesburg, June 27. Leaders of five organisations sent a joint telegram today to the Justice Minister, Mr. Charles Swart, protesting "in the strongest possible terms against a police baton charge" on an Indian torchlight procession here last night.

This telegram, and another sent by the Transvaal Indian Congress, called for the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry into what the Congress described as "an unprovoked, attack by police on men, and children."

POLICE DENY

Top police spokesmen today denied that there was any clash between police and the demonstrators, who were marking the end of a "day of demonstrations" against racial separation laws, or that the police carried out baton charge.

But leading newspapers stuck by their version of events saying there was baton charge, that Indian demonstrators were struck and some were injured. The Johannesburg Star said two were in hospital and one youth was still semi-conscious this afternoon.—Reuter.

FRANCE WANTS EGYPTIAN COTTON

Cairo, June 27. An Egyptian Finance Ministry spokesman said today "certain banks" in France had approached Egypt for the purpose of buying four million Egyptian pounds worth (about £4,100,000 sterling) of Egyptian cotton.

It was the first move for a limited resumption of Franco-Egyptian trade which was suspended after last Autumn's intervention in Egypt.

The cotton would be purchased by France in exchange for goods obtainable from the dollar area.

The spokesman said his Ministry was studying the proposal.—Reuter.

ARTHUR MILLER APPEALS

Washington, June 27. The lawyers of American writer, Arthur Miller, husband of Hollywood star, Marilyn Monroe, today asked United States Federal Judge, Charles F. McLaughlin, to quash the verdict of "Contempt of Congress" given against Miller, and to acquit him completely.

Judge McLaughlin passed sentence against Miller on May 31 for twice refusing to disclose to a congressional investigating committee the names of Communist writers who attended meetings of the American Communist Party with him in 1947.

Miller's lawyers said their client's case was identical with that of trades union agent, John T. Harkins, whose conviction of Contempt of Congress was overruled by the US Supreme Court on June 17.

Judge McLaughlin said he would examine the request and give his decision tomorrow evening.—France-Press.

Panama Canal Authorities said today that the Canal's water supply is near the critical stage as a result of an unprecedented two-month drought.—United Press.

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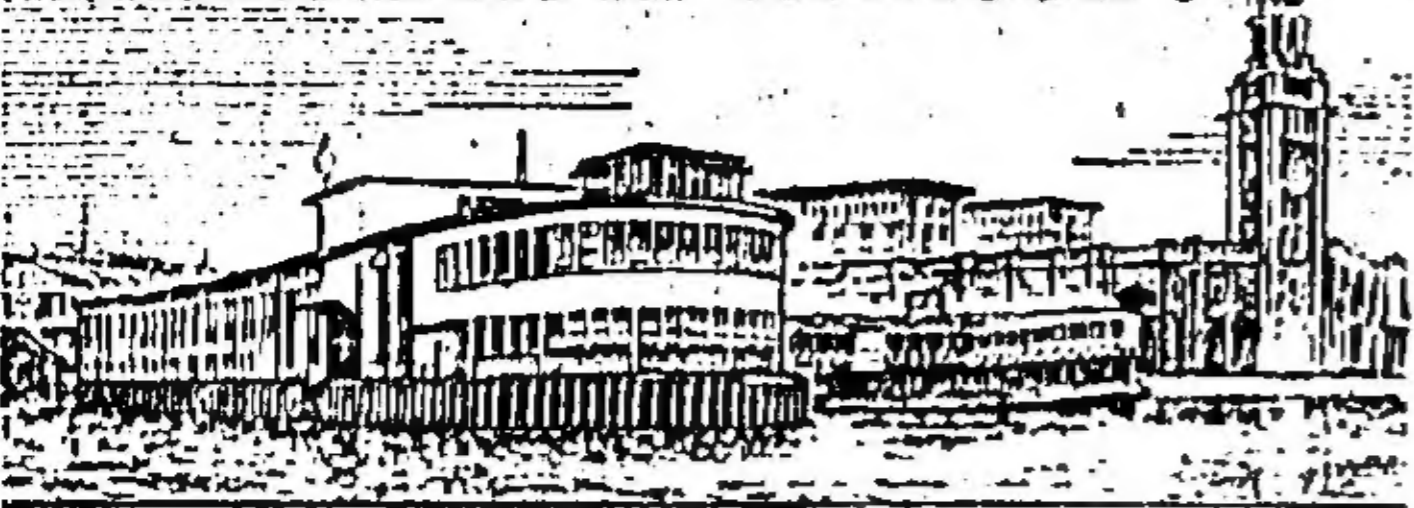
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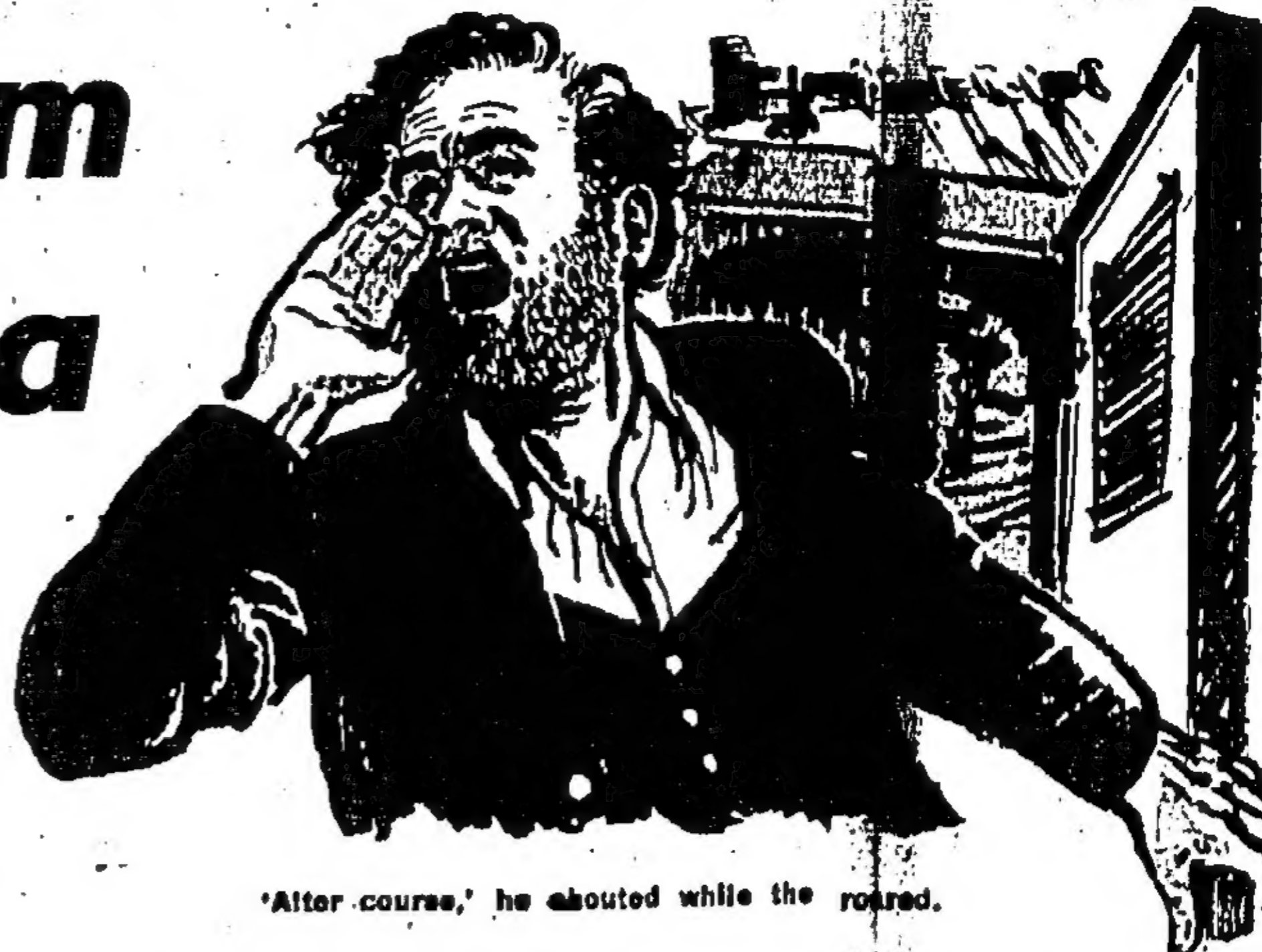
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The captain fled from a phantom of the sea



BOOKS

by ROBERT PITMAN

WITH every canvas taut and timbers shuddering the great sailing ship swept on through the night. America's Atlantic coast was more than 1,000 miles behind. The fog had lifted. Fierce winds had cleared every rag of cloud from the black sky. But below in his cabin boarded Captain Urquhart could not sleep for fear.

Every time he shut his eyes the same frightening scene hovered before him. He could see a huge cliff rising out of the ocean. He could see his ship racing blindly towards it. He could almost feel the shock as the ship crushed itself to splinters.

Wind moaned

Captain Urquhart opened his eyes. His face was cold with sweat. He sat up and tried to tell himself what nonsense it was. How could there be a rock in mid-ocean? Few places on earth were so far from any kind of land. Even the sea-bed was more than a mile away, down below beyond the reach of light.

He lay back, and again the vision appeared. The walls of his cabin trembled as the ship sped faster. The wind moaned in the rigging.

But Captain Urquhart could hear something else. He could hear the words which another seafaring man had once murmured to him: "They call it the Rock of Barenetha," the man had said, "It is in mid-Atlantic. Smart folk say it is just a legend. But I have seen it. Cone-shaped it is, and barren."

At most times there was nothing superstitious about Urquhart. On his chart he had noted the position given by the man. Then he had forgotten about the legend for over four years.

Now out of the night those words had returned. He took out his old chart. He peered at the dot. He had made with his pen four

years back. He looked at his present bearing. Suddenly he realised that, if Barenetha Rock existed, his ship was making straight for it through the darkness.

It was enough.

He clambered up on deck. "Alter course," he shouted, while the wind roared, "Southeast by East till daylight."

With chilled hands the helmsman tugged at the wheel. The big square sails flapped, then filled again. The ship creaked and veered on its new course.

Climax near

Things were nearing the climax: the climax of perhaps the most amazing of all true stories of the sea.

It was November 1873. Now, for the first time since, that story is told again with fascinating detail in "Barenetha Rock," by Stanley Rogers (W. H. Allen, 18s.).

It is the story of three ships and a legend.

THE LEGEND we have already heard. It is the legend of Barenetha Rock.

THE FIRST SHIP we have already seen. It is Captain Urquhart's ship; its name—the Trimountain.

The Trimountain sailed a day late, William Urquhart having refused to sail on a

Sunday. The came Urquhart's strange panic and his sudden change of course.

But there let us leave the Trimountain as it turns miles off its route to avoid the terror of Barenetha.

Let us look some 50 miles to the south, where another ship is moving through the night.

THE SECOND SHIP is the French line the Ville du Havre, in 1873 the largest passenger vessel in the world. Examine the scene on board.

At 7 p.m. the 89 first-class passengers all down to dine. The saloon is remarkably spacious. There are marble pillars; there are ornate, gilded mirrors on the walls.

The mood at dinner is gay. At last the passengers make for their cabins and state-rooms. Someone picks out an air from Weber on the saloon's piano, then stops. One by one the bright lamps are dimmed.

At 1 a.m. the liner is moving at nine knots. Its passengers sleep in the hope that they will soon see France. They do not know about the third ship.

THE THIRD SHIP is not far away. It is a sailing ship, bound for America. Its hull is built of strong iron. Its name: the Loch Earn.

He was tough

The captain of the Loch Earn is William Robertson, a tough Presbyterian Scotsman. He has been known to pick up two seamen, one in each hand, and shake them in rage. Discipline is good on the Loch Earn.

It is 1.50 a.m., not quite four bells. The Loch Earn's look-out

sights what seems to be a mother was pulled from the sea; but her four young children were already dead.

The law of the sea said: steam must give way to sail. The third mate ordered a red light at the bows. But he keeps Loch Earn on its course.

The other ship is near now. Its topsails are wing above its two funnels. Then, as he cried into the blackness for a boat, he saw the little eyes close and felt the little arms slipping. His hands were too numb to hold them. First one child, then the other slid under.

Their fate was shared by all but one of the 16 other children on board. Nevertheless, 87 people were saved. Or at least they were saved for the moment. Clad in dripping tatters they were brought to the Loch Earn. But the Loch Earn itself was hopelessly damaged. Its prow was smashed in. Its bulkheads were cracking under the strain of the sea.

Never kn

Within 10 minutes every living thing on the Loch Earn was dead. It was never known what happened those 10 desperate minutes?

It was never known what happened those 10 desperate minutes? It seems that the ship's prow smashed into the side of the cabin, killing or wounding everyone there. Survivors said that a dreadful chorus of screams from the decks. One thing is certain, the crew there was no.

Sailors fought for the boats. And, in cases, the sailors won. It seemed to be a wave of across the decks of the Loch Earn. But it was not a wave. It was the ocean closing (the ship as it sank).

In the icy water and women clung to the sides of the chairs under. The Loch Earn had sunk and by now it was seen out of its boats on rescue in the darkness. A U.S. judge and a stowaway was cured.

THREE SHIPS AND A LEGEND... WAS THERE A ROCK LOOMING IN THE ATLANTIC?

Captain Robertson was honest, but without much reason. Two days at the most and his ship would sink, hundreds of miles from land. But the boats of the Loch Earn were barely sufficient to carry its own small crew.

Such was the prospect as the terrible night wore on. Then came dawn. And with dawn, in that deserted Atlantic waste, the impossible happened.

A large, square-masted ship appeared some three miles off. It came nearer. Soon its name could be read by means of a spyglass. It was the Trimountain.

It was just six hours since, in fear of a phantom rock, Captain Urquhart had started his crew by changing course.

Coincidence?

Captain Urquhart took the survivors on his ship and brought them safely to England. Captain Robertson kept the Loch Earn afloat until his crew were able to abandon her in safety.

And the Barenetha Rock? We do not know whether it ever existed. But we know that its name alone, haunting the mind of Captain William Urquhart, led on that mysterious night 84 years ago to the saving of almost 90 lives.

Was it just a coincidence? Or was it—as author Rogers now suggests—some kind of telepathy which translated the despair of those people struggling in the ocean into Urquhart's sudden fear of a phantom rock?

William Urquhart had his own explanation. He remembered how he had set out a day late. He remembered the fear which set him off course. He did not talk about telepathy. He called it Providence.

Gay Francesca

Rome. For six days, the village of Roghudi, in Calabria, was without a mayor, without a schoolmistress, with a parish priest and without a chief of police.

Evidently, during the six days spent with her kidnapper in the cave Francesca had changed her mind about him.

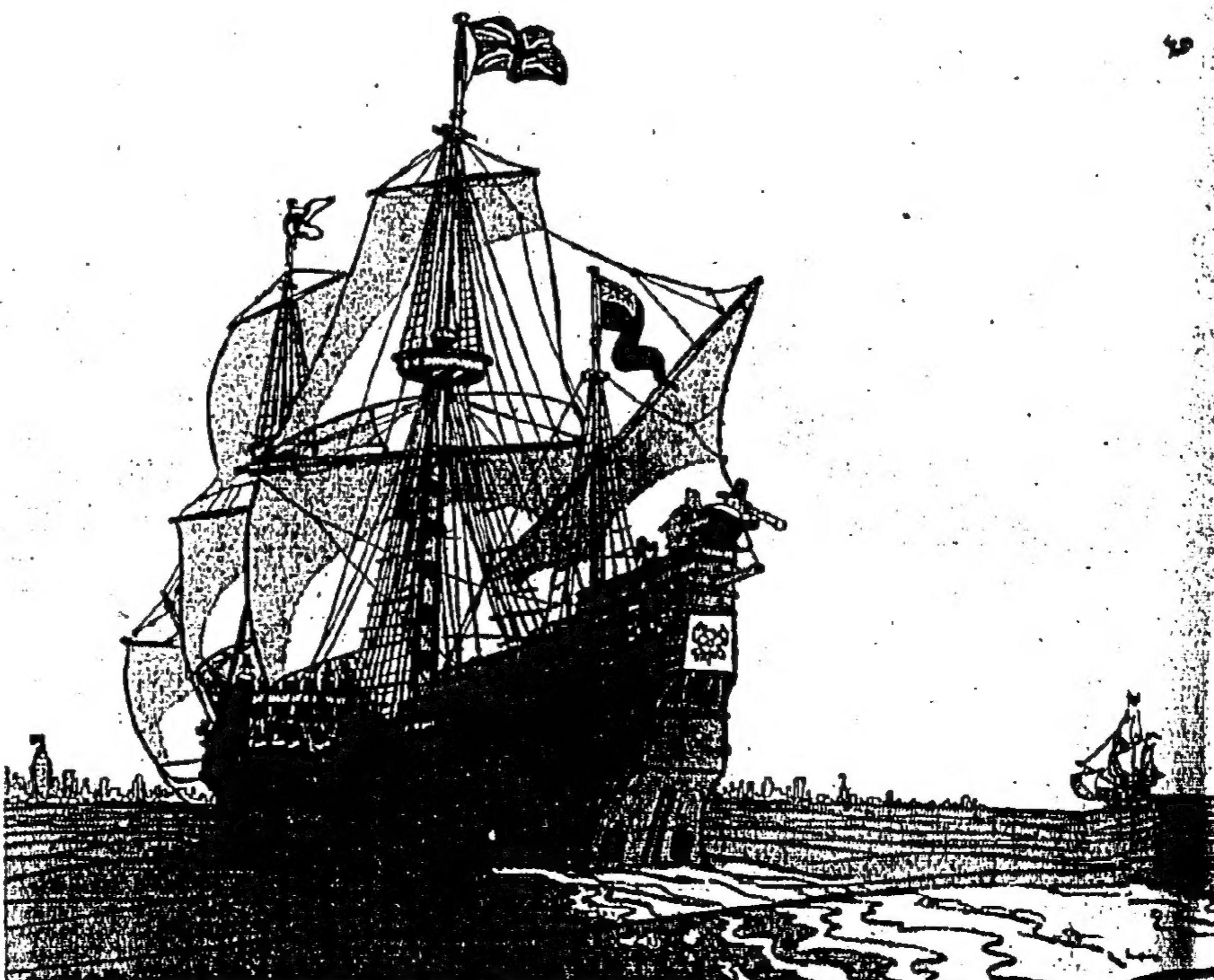
The police, however, were not quite convinced by her story and Francesca was taken to Reggio and questioned by an examining judge.

There she signed a statement confirming her version, and was set free.

The mayor was found a short distance from the cave and he, too, stated that Francesca had gone with him of her own free will. He was set free.

Francesca has returned to her parents. But the parish priest, 69-year-old, bespectacled Don Francesco Nucera, did not know the couple had been found, and was last reported to be looking for them on the craggy mountains. The couple? They'll soon be married.

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SEEDED PLAYERS IN MEN'S SINGLES SURVIVE HEAVY PRESSURE

WIMBLEDON HAT



A novel hat consisting of tennis racket and tennis ball design — worn by Mrs Jean Carpenter of Oxfordshire — on the Centre Court at the opening of the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships on June 24. —Keystone Photo.

But Two Fall Out In Women's Singles At Wimbledon

London, June 27.

Seeded players at Wimbledon survived heavy pressure to-day when the Men's Singles third round reduced the original star-studded field of 128 to 16.

The going was even more tough in the Women's Singles, two seeded players being eliminated today, leaving in the fourth round only the top five of the original eight seeded girls.

To the sidelines went Britain's Angela Mortimer and Czechoslovakia's Vera Puzosova to join Australia's Mrs Thelma Long who passed out in the first round.

Defending Champion Lew Hoad, of Australia, was made to chase around in the fierce heat for more than an hour by 21-year-old John Lesh, another useful product from Los Angeles, California, the nursery of American tennis.

Hoad won 6-3, 9-7, 6-4, but his display was far from inspiring. Some of his shots were as magnificent and powerful as ever but too often the burly Australian netted simple volleys with an open court before him. Maybe he underestimated the fighting qualities of the crew-cropped American who is untroubled in his own country and unknown in Europe.

WARMEST APPLAUSE

Australian Neale Fraser, seeded fifth, had a long five-setter against British leading player Mike Davies before a capacity Centre Court crowd. Fraser won 6-2, 6-3, 1-6, 1-6, 6-2. The warmest applause of the week greeted a tremendous rally by Davies when he left-handed delivery to cramped through the third and fourth sets. But the Welshman cranked dramatically in the third game of the decider, losing his service to love with four successive errors.

The two remaining seeded Americans, Vic Seixas (Sixth) and Herbie Flam (Seventh), both conceded sets. Seixas won 6-2, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 against Karl Kamo, the first Japanese challenger for the men's title since the war. The stocky Japanese was under considerable pressure from Seixas' powerful net attack but overcame his early nervousness to win the third set on merit.

Fiam had a shock before beating Belgium's Jackie Brichmont 1-6, 6-2, 6-1. The Belgian, with a penetrating service and aggressive net play, hustled the American into numerous errors to take the first set easily. Then Flam marshalled his forces and skillfully lobbed Brichmont to the baseline where he kept him hopelessly chasing precision drives to the corners.

Seven Davidson, Europe's main hope from Sweden who is seeded fourth, and Australian Mervyn Rose, seeded eighth, reached round four without much difficulty. The smoothest win among the seeded men was again achieved by Ashley Cooper, handsome Australian Champion, who gained more supporters by the confident, easy way he swept aside France's Robert Haillet 6-0, 6-2, 6-4. The 20-year-old Cooper is seeded to meet Hoad in the final.

CONTROLLED TENNIS

Davidson, with controlled tennis, beat the big, swarthy American Sid Schwartz 6-1, 6-4, 7-5, and Rose's subtlety of shot overcame blond Martin Frosch, of Switzerland, 6-2, 6-3.

Unseeded American Miss Karol Fageros, blonde glimmer girl of the 1957 Wimbledon tournament, and Miss Sheila Armstrong, 17-year-old former British Junior Champion, did the killing in the women's third round.

Miss Fageros, 23, from Miami, Florida, toppled the seeded Miss Angela Mortimer, 26, who gained top ranking in Britain at the end of last season. The slim Devonshire girl has been under the cloud of ill health during the past 18 months but she recently declared herself to be fully fit.

Miss Mortimer's game is based on precision driving, but her touch was completely away on the fast Centre Court turf and she went down 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, in a match which did not reach great heights.

Miss Armstrong won 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, against Mrs Puzosova, the eighth-seeded player, in a court battle. In the semi on an outside court, the 20-year-old Czechoslovakian wilted and at the end could scarcely choose her young opponents' chosen forehand.

The story of the Indian doubles players defeat by the Americans, Franks and Green, was a story of mischances and sad lapses.

They were expected to win and they gave promise of doing so by taking the first set with ease at 6-4, having broken through the Americans' service in the first game, after which they held their service to win the set.

The second set looked as if it would follow a similar pattern, when the Indian players captured Franks' service to lead 4-3, but Kumar and Krishnan allowed themselves to be caught at 5-5 when they lost their service, leading 5-4, and had two set points.

TURNING POINT

This was the turning point in the match. This seemed to unnerve Krishnan and Kumar and they lost the third set at 3-6, through lack of concentration. They might have saved the match in the fourth set when they led 4-1 but thereafter they did not win a game, their opponents reeling off five games in a row to take the set and the match.

The last set was lost mainly through Krishnan's errors. He fell away badly in the ninth game, by missing an easy volley and double faulting at a crucial point.

In the tenth and last game, he fluffed an easy drive to lose the match.

Kumar was the better player today, retrieving many difficult situations and playing well. His lobbs unfortunately were not always successful due, one suspects, to a strong cross-court wind.

Playing together for the first time, teams of Japan and Schwartz of the United States gave a brilliant display of co-ordinated doubles play when they defeated the Brazilians, Fernandes and Ribeiro.

Their young Brazilian opponents could do little against this combination.

Kamo's tennis tended to vary from the flashes of a great champion to the flagrant mistakes of a beginner. His great weakness was his service.

Arnold, meanwhile, shuffled, and Hoad and Green were held off from victory through five sets by a practically unknown British pair, Dennis Hughes and Gerry Oakley.

Number five court was packed as the Britons, after holding their own at 3-3 in the final set, finally fell out at 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 2-6, 6-4.

Sixteen players remained in the men's Singles Championship at Wimbledon tonight—seven Australians, four Americans, two Swedes, two Britons and a Venezuelan.

FOURTH ROUND TIES

The fourth round will be fought out between: Cooper (Australia) and Green (United States); Herbie Flam (United States) and Knight (Britain); Schmidt (Sweden) and Candy (Australia).

Fraser (Australia) and Patty (United States); Anderson (Australia) and Seixas (United States); Wilson (Britain) and David-Pimental (Venezuela) and Rose (Australia); Emerson (Australia) and Hoad (Australia).

Three of the 16, the Champions Hoad, the number two Cooper and the number four, Davidson, have not yet lost a single set.

Of the remainder, Fraser has had the hardest time—today, for example, he had to play five sets before beating Britain's young Mike Davies.

In the Women's Singles competition, of the seeded players only the top five remain at the end of the fourth day. Australia's Thelma Long, seeded 6th, fell out on Wednesday. Britain's Angela Mortimer, number 7, and the Czechoslovakian Vera Puzosova, number 8, lost their matches today.

Miss Puzosova's elimination was the most sensational exploit of the day. She was defeated by a 17-year-old—Sheila Armstrong of Britain—whose aggressive game was more suited to the speed of the grass court.

THE RESULTS

Men's Doubles, First Round. R. Becker and R. N. Howe (Britain) beat J. Borotra and P. Darmon (France) 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

R. D. Bennett and M. P. Hann (Britain) beat A. Gimeno and E. Martinez (Spain) 9-7, 7-5, 1-6, 2-6, 7-5.

W. Knight and A. Pickard (Britain) beat L. Pimental (Venezuela) and O. Garrido (Cuba) 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

J. Brichmont and P. Washer (Belgium) beat J. C. Molinar and P. Remy (France) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

J. Bergeret and Robert Haillet (France) beat R. Hoad and P. Scholls (Germany) 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

A. Lelis and W. Skonski (Belgium) beat W. Skonski and Mezzi (France) 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-3.

K. Kamo (Japan) and S. Schwartz (US) beat C. Fernandes and E. Ribeiro (Brazil) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 9-7.

N. Pietrangeli and O. Sirolo (Italy) beat H. Flam and A. Segal (South Africa) 6-3, 4-9, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

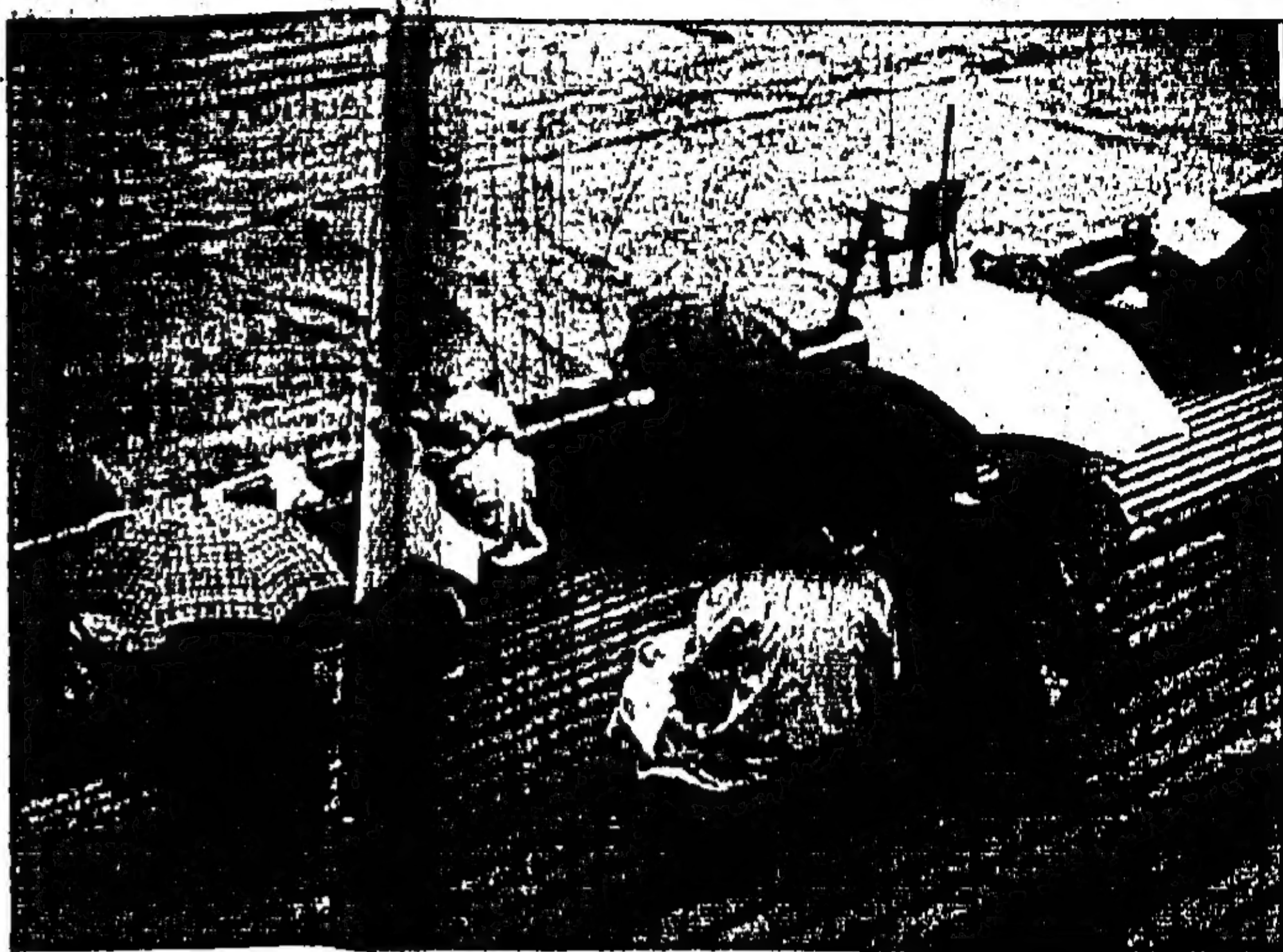
H. Richardson and V. Seixas (US) beat D. Hughes and G. Oakley (Britain) 3-6, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

Men's Doubles, Second Round

H. Richardson and V. Seixas (US) beat D. B. Hughes and G. D. Oakley (Britain) 3-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

N. A. Fraser and L. A. Hoad (Australia) beat A. Huber and F. Solko (Austria) 6-0, 6-1, 7-5.

H. Richardson and O. Sirolo (Italy) beat H. Flam (US) and A. Segal (South Africa) 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.



General view of the courts covered — as spectators, using rain-coats, umbrellas, hope, for rain to stop and play to be resumed at the opening of the Wimbledon Championships on June 24.—Keystone Photo.

1-6, 6-4, 6-4.—Reuben France-Presse.

Men's Singles, Third Round. M. Anderson (Australia) beat K. Kamo (Japan) 7-5, 6-6, 4-6, 6-3.

R. K. Wilson (Britain) beat C. Mulloy (US) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

U. Schmidt (Sweden) beat Remy (France) 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

Women's Doubles, Second Round

Miss Mortimer and Mrs Robinson (New Zealand) beat M. C. Buehler and S. Chatter (France) 6-2, 6-4.

Miss S. Armstrong (Australia) beat Miss M. Hellyer (Australia) and Mrs L. Thurg (Australia) 6-2, 6-0.

Van Der Storm (Holland) beat Mrs E. C. Pratt (US) 10-8.

Mrs K. Hawton and Mrs H. Long (Australia) beat Mrs A. Ezzin and Mrs H. Knutmann (Switzerland) 6-1, 6-1.

Miss S. Bloomer (Britain) and Mrs E. Pratt (US) beat Mrs C. Craig-Smith and Miss B. Knapp (Britain) 6-1, 6-3.

Miss P. Hird and Miss A. Mortimer (Britain) beat Mrs G. Marshall (Kenya) and Mrs W. Mitchell (Britain) 6-2, 6-3.

Women's Singles, Third Round

Miss S. Reynolds (South Africa) beat Mrs E. Vollmer (Germany) 7-5, 3-6, 13-11.

Miss L. Brough (US) beat Miss F. De LaCour (France) 6-2, 6-0.

Mrs D. Knode (US) beat Mrs S. Chatter (France) 6-0, 6-2.

Mrs E. C. Pratt (US) beat Mrs T. Faneutt (South Africa) 6-4, 6-3.

Women's Doubles, First Round

Miss R. H. Bentley and Mrs M. C. Chapple (Britain) beat Miss C. Butler (US) and Mrs M. Wells (Spain) 6-0, 6-4.

Mrs R. C. Polon and Mrs Thomas (Britain) beat Mrs H. Muesel and Mrs R. Morgan (Britain) 6-1, 6-3.

Americans Miss Althea Gibson, and Miss Louise Brough, the top two favourites among the women, both play fourth round matches in a restricted Women's Singles programme.

Miss Brough meets Bermuda's Mrs Heather Brewer, holder of the South African title, and lanky Miss Gibson meets tiny Miss Gem Honning (Britain), who was born in Hongkong.

Three Riders Eliminated In Tour De France Race

Granville, June 27.

In boiling heat, Andre Darrigade won the first stage of the Tour De France cycling race over 201 kilometres from Nantes to here today.

Competing against 120 riders split into 10 teams and representing the cream of continental riders from Italy, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and Spain, Darrigade won the final sprint in front of Spain's Miguel Poblet.

During the first stage of the 22-day stage race which winds clockwise round France and thrives into Belgium and Spain, main riders took it easy in the main pack. The race lasts for 24 days with two rest days.

There was one feeble break-away at the start, but the main part of the "chain gang" gradually crept up and everyone was carefully stacked back into the pack.

OTHER RIDERS

Darrigade with Italy's Gastone Nencini then went out and were joined by two other riders. They forced the pace over barren Brittany up on to the roads of the Cherbourg peninsula.

Frenchman Breaks 3,000M Record

Tourcoing, June 27. Michel Bernard broke the French record for the 3,000 metres run when he clocked 6 minutes, 45 seconds at an athletic meeting here today.

The former French record of 8 minutes 12.5 seconds was set up by Michel Jazy at Warsaw earlier this month.—France-Presse.

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West Indians In Holland

Amsterdam, Holland, June 27.

Garfield Sobers, the 30-year-old Barbados left-hander, scored a century for the West Indies cricketers here today, helping them defeat an all-Holland XI by 185 runs in their one-day match.

The West Indies scored 368 and dismissed their opponents for 123.

Sobers hit four sixes and 13 fours in a free-scoring but chanceless innings of 101 in 84 minutes.

John Goddard made 80, including nine fours, and Roman Kanhuhi 56 with one six and seven fours.

N. Leetlink bowled his medium-pace deliveries well to take four wickets for 35 runs. Denis Atkinson had the best West Indies bowling figures with six for 54.

Top scorer for the Dutch side was made by Wim van Maanen, who batted with stiletches in a cut below his eye received when he was hit by the ball during the West Indies innings, and made 30.—Reuter.

U.S. WESTERN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Detroit, June 27. Dow Finsterwald clipped six strokes off par at rain-drenched Plum Hollow today and held a one-stroke lead in the first round of the 84th Western Open Golf Championship.

Finsterwald, 27, who has finished in the money in 34 consecutive Professional Golf Association tournaments, had five birdies for a 30 going out. He breezed back with two birdies and a bogey for a 65.

Billie Maxwell, former US Amateur Champion, was a stroke behind at 66.

Bill Cooper Jr., Ken Venturi, Max Evans and Babe Luchardus each carded 67.—United Press.

First Place Tie At Th Top Of The American League

New York, June 27.

Early W struck out nine batters and blanked the New York Yankees on four hits while pitching the Cleveland Indians to a 2-0 victory today.

Cleveland triumph, coupled with Boston's sweep of a double-header from Chicago, creates first place tie in the American League between the White Sox and Yankees.

Southpaw Tommye, who pitched for the Sox, gave up only five hits in a run in the first without a hit, and in the seventh on Dick W's single and Bobby Avila's.

The Red Sox were again pitched for the Sox, who knocked out starter's Bushman with a four-run rally in the first inning of the first game. Two-run homer sparked an outburst at the end of the first.

Frank Sullivan, the winner in the second game, pitched a 6-4 victory for the Sox. Fornicles held White Sox to seven hits in the nightcap.

Jim Piersall also pitched for the Red Sox in the second game.

LOSING STRINGS. Washington's game losing streak, defaulting Detroit 7-2, Jim Piersall home the Sox hit 12th and connected in the 11th.

Truman Cleveland, 1-1/3 hitless innings, tied to save the victory for the Sox. Paul Foytack was the home in the nightcap.

In the nightcap, Hank Aaron's two-run homer in the eighth inning tied the Sox to a double.

THE SCORES. American League. Detroit 2, Washington 0. 000 000 001-1-4-1.

Washington 0, Detroit 2. 000 000 002-2-6-0. Drysdale (8-5). Chicago 0, Pittsburgh 0. 000 000 000-0-0-0.

Pittsburgh 0, Chicago 0. 000 000 000-0-0-0. Purkey, Face (8), Smith (8), King (9) and Folles (10). Cincinnati 0, Milwaukee 0. 000 000 000-0-0-0.

Monastir 7-0, Sharragh 7-3, Shimmering Way 7-2, River Line 0-13, Corinthian 0-11.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



MY SWEET!

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WOULD MAKE YOU EVEN SWEETER

LIFE FOR MAUREEN SWANSON IS A RATHER SCATTY DREAM, SAYS ROBERT ROBINSON

London.

Knee high to Minnie Mouse she may be, but Maureen Swanson has blood running in her veins.

And it isn't because she wants to turn the colour of it blue that she is seen around town with so many Peers of the Realm. She is simply thinking of the future.

"Marry an aristocrat? Well, everyone loves a lord, I don't believe any girl runs away from a lord. And I should certainly marry one if he amused me.

"And then one would have children—and one wants the best for one's children, doesn't one? Who could give a child more advantages than a lord?"

Sturdy common sense, you see.

I first became attached to Swanson—in the unlovely sense, of course—when I met her at Cork, Eire.

Giggling to me on the steps at Blarney Castle, she said, "I'll do anything."

RESTRAINED

I believe it was only the restraining hand of her publicist which prevented her from singing The Bells of Shandon through a loud-hailer from the top chimney of Murphy's distillery....

I remember a party she gave at which Miss Rita Hayworth arrived, unheralded and unexpected.

Handing her coat to Swanson with a queeny air, Miss Hayworth coldly commanded: "Put my coat in the bedroom." Swanson obediently trotted off. A nice girl.

She is the only one of Mr Rank's young ladies who cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, be visualised as sitting at home and doing the dishes.

MYSTERIOUS

And, foolish as that may sound, it is one of the mysterious ingredients which is absolutely indispensable if one

is going to be a film star rather than just a film actress.

"I love being a film star," she said, "It's nice for a short girl, because short girls love to be noticed. I like being recognized in shops, getting the best tables in restaurants. I'm just an ego-maniac."

She said the last thing she wants just at the moment is to be married—and lead an insignificant life.

"I've had the nursery freshly decorated in my new house in Belgavia. But," she said, "it's for the cat"

I hear the concerted swish of eyebrows raising themselves, the cluck-cluck of cynical tongues—"Who cares about her cat, her nursery, her Lords—can the girl act?"

I asked her. "I have had," she said, staring hard at one of Mr Rank's publicity men, who was sitting by our side as tense as defending counsel with a shaky brief, "no chance to prove it. I act in films—and they cut my part to nothing. And they offer me parts I don't want."

"But I don't sit around feeling depressed. I get around and meet people. I go to nightclubs. I dance. The ordinary gay life."

I think I said "Nuts" and she giggled.

The house cost her £12,000 ("I got a mortgage"), but she hasn't done much living there.

"Other people do, though. I came back from a week-end in Monte Carlo the other day, found one window bust, the bathroom full of water, people having a party in the drawing room, and a completely strange young man in the kitchen who said, "Oh hullo, I'm just making drinks."

Life for Maureen Swanson is a rather scatty dream.

If she hadn't been a film star she would have been the life and soul of the suburb tennis club, the girl in demand at the youth club social, the favourite partner at the rugger club party.

What lots of nice girls would like to be, she is.

"When I do marry," she said as we drove back to Pinewood—"I want an awful lot of affection, loads of it, every minute of the day. I want to be fathered."

Applicants for the job of fathering Swanson, forward.

RETIRE? NOT I

In Paris the other day, I had tea with Olivia de Havilland. "People think I've retired from films just because I live in Europe. I haven't."

She told me she had six years' accumulation of fan mail shipped over to her from America.

"I signed 11,000 photographs and answered every letter. Took me five months."

I sent my husband to the Post Office in a relay of taxi with 25 suitcase-loads, wouldn't trust anyone else after I'd put all that work into it.

"I even went to a factory and had special envelopes made."

She got letters back. One came from the Arctic Circle.


The writer said she had been 11 years old when she had first written to Miss de Havilland now she was married and had two children.

"And there was one from Accra offering to send monkey skins and pig-nuts in exchange for T-shirts."

Miss de Havilland tells me she "loathes" Hollywood, intends to stay in Paris. "I'm happy—and when I'm happy, don't feel like working."


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ADMIRAL "SHORKEL" PEN

COURT'S DECISION ON ENGLISH BOY Sentenced To Three Years

AN English boy of 15 who pleaded guilty at the Criminal Sessions last week to having carnal knowledge of a six-year-old European girl, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Supreme Court this morning.

This sentence was imposed so that the boy can be sent to the United Kingdom, under the Colonial Prisoners Removal Act of 1884, for training in a Borstal institution or an Approved School.

"I hope that no horrible thought will ever enter in your mind again to do anything like this which you did do," the Judge told the curly-haired lad.

Trousers Again!

A suspect has been detained by the Police in connection with the theft of a pair of trousers from a private car parked outside the Marine Office at about 3.35 p.m. yesterday.

Ngautaukok Land To Be Sold

A 6,600 square-foot lot of Crown land in Ngautaukok will be offered for sale at a public auction at the Crown Lands and Survey Office on Monday July 8.

The lot is restricted for the building of a filling station and a kerosene store and ancillary offices. It carries an up-to-date price of \$79,200 or \$12 a square foot.

Another lot of industrial Crown land at Kua Tong, Lot No. 46, will be auctioned at the Crown Lands and Survey Office on Monday, July 8.

This lot has an area of 40,000 square feet at an upset price of \$200,000 and is restricted for industrial purposes excluding any offensive, noxious, noisome or unhealthy trade, business or manufacture.

Church Trustee

The election of Mr Chung Yan-kwong as a Trustee of the Timshatsui Baptist Church, vice the Rev. Au Young Hing-cheung, was notified in the Government Gazette this morning.

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TRIED TO BRIBE POLICE OFFICER

For attempting to bribe a Police Officer, an unlicensed hawker, Lo Tin, 35, was sentenced to six months' gaol by Mr D. Cons at Kowloon Court this morning.

The defendant also admitted another charge of unlawful possession of an umbrella and for this he was given an additional term of three months.

Lo Tin was arrested on June 24 by PC4903 at Tung Tau Village Road in possession of an umbrella. While waiting for transport to return to the Police station, the defendant offered the constable \$20 for his release.

In addition to the prison term, Lo Tin was also placed under Police supervision for two years.

New Police Station

The present Police Station at Tsun Wan will be replaced by a larger building somewhere in the future to meet the growing requirements of the industrial suburb.

The new station is to be erected near the present station. Tenders for the formation of the new site and adjoining roads were recalled for in the Government Gazette this morning. Tenders should reach the Tender Board by noon, Friday, July 12.

Appointments

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings have been approved, the Government Gazette announced this morning:

Mr J. Clarey, Education Officer, to be Acting Senior Education Officer during the absence of Mr Watt Hol-kee. Mr G. C. Hamilton, Cadet Officer, Class II, to be Acting Establishment Officer, vice Mr C. G. Morrison.

Mr T. M. Morrison to be a Sub-Inspector of Schools.

RN Ships Due

Arriving from Singapore tomorrow morning are HMS Newcastle (Captain A.H.C. Gordon-Lennox, DSO, Royal Navy) and HMS Cockade (Commander D.L. Cobb, Royal Navy).

HMS Newcastle is wearing the flag of Rear Admiral W.K. Edden, CB, OBE, Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Station and is due to stay here until the beginning of August.

She recommissioned at Singapore last month. HMS Cockade, which last visited Hong Kong in March, is due to stay here until about July 29.

Jane Roberts Tells You... What's On Tonight

HOOVER and LIBERTY: "Victory At Sea": A camera's eye view of the activities of the Allies and their enemies in the Second World War.
KING'S and PRINCESS: "The Rainmaker": A spinster and a charlatan get together to create a miracle. Katherine Hepburn, Burt Lancaster, Wendell Corey.

METROPOLE and STAR: "The Gold Rush": An early Charles Chaplin picture made in the days when he was known as "Charlie".
QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "The Solid Gold Cadillac": A shady company gets pushed around by its one per cent shareholder. Judy Holliday, Paul Douglas, Fred Clark.

ROXY and BROADWAY: "Kronos": The mythological father of Zeus bursts into the twentieth century via science fiction. Jeff Morrow, Barbara Lawrence, John Emery.

Colony Had Big Outbreak Of Measles

During the first five months of this year, there were 796 cases of measles with 74 deaths throughout the Colony, the Government Gazette stated this morning.

This figure is 67 more than the whole of last year. Eighty-six people died of measles last year.

The height of the measles outbreak was during the first quarter of this year. There were 5,203 cases of tuberculosis with 1,352 deaths recorded for the first five months of this year, 330 cases of diphtheria with 48 deaths and 214 cases of chicken pox with two deaths.

Technical Education Committee

The Government Gazette this morning notified that the following would be members of the Standing Committee on Technical Education and Vocational Training for a period of one year with effect from July 1, 1957:

The Commissioner of Labour (Chairman); The Director of Public Works or his representative; The Director of Education or his representative; The Director of Commerce and Industry or his representative; Miss Pauline Chan; Miss Mok Sau-hai; Mr Ho Yu-kwong; Mr Lam Chik-suen; Mr William Sul-tak Louie; Mr C. D. Sias; Mr U. T. Tchoe; Mr Cheng Man-kam; Secretary to be nominated by the Director of Education.

Shipping In Harbour

A total of 2,210 ships of 60 tons and over, with a registered tonnage of 5,109,247 entered Hongkong during the first five months of this year, according to statistics published in the Government Gazette this morning.

These ships represented 30 different countries, headed by Britain with 1,240 vessels of 2,202,893 net-registered tons. Norway was second with 183 ships of 524,352 net-registered tons. Japan third with 158 ships of 420, 105 net-registered tons. America fourth with 101 ships of 546,896 net-registered tons. Denmark fifth with 90 vessels of 401,804 net-registered tons.

Tenders Called

Tenders for maintenance and repairs of roads and bridges in Hongkong, Kowloon, New Kowloon and the New Territories to the period September 1, 1957 to August 31, 1958, were called in the Government Gazette this morning.

Tenders were also called for the removal of the collapsed bridge from the stream bed at Kam Tin. This bridge on the Kam Tin Road was damaged due to the heavy rains last month.

Accidents

The number of industrial accidents for May was 356 and the number of persons injured was 389, according to this morning's Government Gazette.

ADJOURNMENT APPLICATION TURNED DOWN

EDWARD APPEAL

The Full Court this morning turned down an application by W. S. Edwards for a two-weeks' adjournment of his appeal.

Mr Edwards had he wished to file a notice of motion setting leave to issue a subpoena against theon. E. B. David (Colonial Secretary).

Appellant said also he wished to have the opportunity of obtaining an official report in English case contained in a recent newspaper report. He said that case may be helpful to his own case.

Mr Edwards asked the adjournment so that he had an opportunity to do these matters.

The Court, comprising Justice M. J. Hogan, Justice and Mr Justice J. Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, the appeal is an appeal against the judgment of Mr Justice D. Scholes on a claim for \$5 by Mr Edwards against K. M. Almo, Assistant-missioner of Inland Revenue.

The Judge had ruled a document which Mr Edwards had asked to be produced privileged.

Mr Arthur Hooley, Solicitor-General, and Mr. McRobert, Crown Counsel, presented the response Mr Almo.

After the dismissal his application, Mr Edwards continued his submissions.

He said the relevancy of the confidential report, Mr Justice Scholes was privileged, had been shown in his statement of claim.

During the inter-pleading proceedings, relevant part of the statement of claim was read out by him (app) in Court and published in the newspapers.

NOT TRUE

Mr Edwards alleged one of the falsehoods on part of Mr David in his affidavit was that the document was false in the statement of claim was not true.

He cited from an affidavit to show that such a document would be contrary to the interest of the public service.

Since the publication of the portions of the document contained in his affidavit, Mr Edwards stated, there had been no change in the statement.

Hearing is proceeding.

Appointments Confirm

The Government Gazette notified this morning that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to appoint Mr. W. L. W. to the post of pensionable to the post of Officer, Dr A. J. N. to the post of Medical Officer, and Miss M. F. to the post of Physiotherapist.

SIEGE LIES

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Friend In Court

JAMES has not a friend in the world. That is strange, for he is a countryman by birth and countrymen generally are less casual in their friendships than those who live in towns.

Especially in the warm-hearted west of England, where James was bred.

Yet at 38 he is friendless, or believes he is, which is bad.

JAMES left school when he was 14 and for the next five years his job was to look after an ailing father.

When there was no longer need for that, James went to work on a farm—5s. a week and his keep—and stayed on the farm till the RAF called him up in 1941.

He was discharged from the service two years later because of bad nerves. He returned to the farm.

Perhaps the sight of the wider world that his service had given him made James discontented with the farm's remoteness, for he did not stay there for long.

He left for the South Coast and began a drifting life of casual jobs that has lasted 15 years and brought him recently from the coast to London.

There the other evening James was caught loitering with intent to steal from unattended cars. At Bow Street he pleaded guilty, a sad, sandy-haired, hollow-cheeked man in a crumpled brown suit.

A detective-sergeant went into the witness-box.

"This man," he said to the magistrate, Mr. Gurnett Ross, "has asked me to speak for him."

"You should like to speak on his behalf, for though this man has three brothers somewhere, he has quite lost touch with them, and he is entirely alone in the world."

"He is waiting to go into hospital for treatment for ulcer trouble, and I do think it was desperation and anguish that made him do this."

"YOU'VE spoken very well for him," said the magistrate.

He remanded James for reports by the doctors and probation officers on his case, saying to him: "I want to see what help you can be given afterwards."

"Thank you, sir," James said, humbly, and he turned and left through a door held open by the detective-sergeant—his friend.

New Trade Union

The Hongkong and Kowloon Blackwood and Rosewood Ware Trade Workers Union, 361 Tai Nan Street, Shamshuipo, has been registered under the Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance, the Government Gazette notified this morning.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Maybe it's a good thing I dented the fender—now you know how I feel when you break one of my best dishes!"

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